

Project and Engineering Support Services (PESS)

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Questions and Answers – SET 6

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Q.1 Page 63 of the Final PESS RFP specifies a limit of 75 pages for Volume I, Mission Suitability. The last draft RFP that was released in July 2012 indicated a limit of 120 pages for Volume I, Mission Suitability. Subsequent Q&A released by the Government gave no indication that a significant reduction in page count (~38%) was imminent in the final RFP. In addition, the final RFP did not reduce the content of the Mission Suitability Volume or increase the number of excluded sections from the page limit. We recognize the significant amount of time that has lapsed since the initial PESS draft RFP was released and we have diligently modified our proposal in response to the updates and revisions that have been posted by the Government (and small businesses have absorbed a tremendous amount of bid and proposal expense). We respectfully request the following:

1. The Government consider re-instating the 120 page limit, or, if not....
2. The Government confirm that the 75 page limit is not a typo and it is indeed the Government's desire to limit Volume I, Mission Suitability, to 75 pages, and
3. The Government confirm that no requests for additional pages will be entertained prior to proposal submission on January 10, 2013.

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1. The Government has considered your request; the page limit will remain at 75 pages.
 2. The Government confirms that the 75 page limit is NOT a typo. It is the Government's requirement to limit Volume I, Mission Suitability, to 75 pages. The Safety and Health Plan, the Total Compensation Plan and the Organizational Conflicts of Interest Plan are excluded from the page count. SEE FINAL RFP Section L.6 (a) table.
 3. The Government has no expectation of making any changes to the page limit; however, the Government reserves the right to amend the solicitation as appropriate.

Q. 2 We believe the government requires a compliant and compelling RFP response from all respondents. In light of the fact that no requirements have been deleted from the final RFP— in fact additional requirements have been added, and there are more than 380 requirements in the entire RFP with approximately 70+ requirements in Section L alone including: describing approaches and rationale; demonstrating understanding; defining processes and procedures; and includes two Sample Task responses, we respectfully request that the page limit be increased to 150 pages or at a minimum be

returned to the 120 pages previously defined for the Mission Suitability Volume. This increase in page count would not include the Total Compensation Plan, Organizational Conflicts of Interest Plan, nor the 25-page Safety and Health Plan as indicated in the final RFP. Keeping in mind the upcoming Holiday's and the rapid approaching proposal due date, would you consider releasing an answer to our question within the next week? Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or would like to discuss further. Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

A.2 [Please see response to A.1.](#)